

Remarks

Claims 1-4 and 6-27 are pending. Claims 1, 10, and 12 are amended. No claims are added or cancelled. No new matter is added by this amendment. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is requested in view of the following remarks.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2-4 and 6-11 would be allowable if the § 112, ¶ 2, rejections were overcome, and that claims 13-25 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants note that claims 10 and 12 have been amended to remove language specifying that the sense mechanism is coupled to the cantilevered beam. This change is consistent with a previous amendment to claim 1. The Office action indicates that such claims would be allowable.

II. Double Patenting

The Office action states that claims 1, 12, and 26 are rejected on the basis of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 7,260,980. Without acquiescing, Applicants note that a terminal disclaimer is submitted with this Response. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the double patenting rejection is overcome.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office action states that claims 1-4 and 6-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as being indefinite for lacking antecedent basis for "the sense mechanism." Claim 1 has been amended to recite "a sense mechanism." Applicants believe this amendment overcomes the §

112, ¶ 2, rejections of claims 1-4 and 6-11 and respectfully request the rejections to be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application or this response, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney, Ryan A. Heck, at (775) 784-8228.

Respectfully submitted,

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